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VI

A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES AND LOCAL BOARDS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1921.

* The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I beg to present the [a] report of the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Madras District Municipalities and Local Boards Act, 1921, and move that the Bill as amended by the Select Committee be taken into consideration."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" I second it."

Clause 1 was put and carried and added to the Bill.

Clause 2 was put and carried and added to the Bill.

Clause 3 was put and carried and added to the Bill.

3-45 p.m. Clauses 4, 5 and 6 were put, passed and added to the Bill.

The preamble was put, passed and added to the Bill.

* The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Sir, I move that the Bill be passed into law."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

VII

THE MADRAS NURSES AND MIDWIVES BILL.

* The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" On the last occasion when I moved this Bill I made it clear that though, under the rules as they exist at present, I had to move it on the Reserved side of the Government, yet the subject matter itself belonged to my hon. Colleague the Chief Minister who is Minister for Local Self-Government and Medical Administration. He has received representations—and some of those representations were repeated to me by virtue of the fact that I am moving this Bill—and they are to the effect that there are certain defects attendant upon the Bill in its present form and that they have to be very carefully considered. In view of that statement Government have been advised not to move it and they will crave permission to move it later on if and when they are advised to do so."

The motion was accordingly not made and was therefore deemed to have been withdrawn.

VIII

PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS DURING THE REMAINING DAYS OF THE SITTING.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I think the report of the Select Committee on the Civil Courts Bill will be presented to-morrow and the Bill will be considered."

* The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" I take it that according to the terms of the motion of Mr. Ramalinga Chettiyar it will be ready by to-morrow evening. We hope to present it to-morrow and it is much better not to have any confusion about it. But perhaps in view of the non-official business, the Civil Courts Bill may come up the day after to-morrow if that will suit hon. Members."

a Printed as Appendix III on pages 260-262 infra.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Subject to any arrangements that may be made in consideration of emergencies, the whole of to-morrow will be devoted to non-official business beginning with the Bills which have been placed in the ballot and the day after to-morrow will be devoted to the Civil Courts Bill. Whatever time remains on Friday, and the whole of Saturday will be non-official days. Non-official members are entitled to two days, i.e., to-morrow and Saturday."

* The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" There is one matter which must be remembered and that is that Friday has been fixed tentatively for the consideration of the Malabar Tenancy Bill. It will be possible to go on with Council work, if hon. Members consent to release those Members who form Members of the Select Committee on the Malabar Tenancy Bill. Otherwise we will have to adjourn the consideration of the Malabar Tenancy Bill to some other date."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT : —" The House may prefer to rise on Friday afternoon after official business. The result of that will be that the meeting of the Select Committee on Malabar Tenancy Bill will stand adjourned to Monday."

* Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Is it understood then, that, if the House rises on Friday after finishing the Madras Civil Courts Bill, we Members of the Select Committee on Malabar Tenancy Bill sit as such in the Select Committee."

* The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" That was my proposition. But some hon. Members want that day for non-official business."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" The Select Committee consists only of a few Members. (Voices : large number.) Of course a large number of Members, but non-official work is far too much and if we have some little time on Friday also it may more advantageously be used. On Friday, after finishing the non-official business, or on some other day the Select Committee may sit. I think this arrangement will suit hon. Members of this House because we have number of resolutions and a few Bills to be discussed, and we will have to forego the benefit of having Friday afternoon if we have the Select Committee meeting on that day. I hope this will be agreeable to hon. Members of this House."

* Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" As has been represented by the hon. the Law Member, the Select Committee on the Malabar Tenancy Bill consists of a pretty large number of persons, about 35 or so, so that I think it will not be possible, at any rate consistently with the interests that many of us have in the Bill and also in the non-official business which will be transacted here, to have the sitting of the Council and also the sitting of the Select Committee simultaneously. One important consideration is that my hon. Friend the Law Member who may have to answer some of the non-official resolutions is the Chairman of the Select Committee and obviously he cannot be in the two places simultaneously. I am anxious personally to have the work of the Select Committee expedited as early as possible."

* The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" I think the suggestion that I throw out will meet with the approval of hon. Members of this House, i.e., to-morrow and the day after will be non-official days, and the rest of

Saturday after finishing the Civil Courts Bill will be utilized for the Malabar Tenancy Bill. That Committee may sit from day to day and may go on for ten days. All that I say is that the sitting of this Council will terminate on Saturday afternoon."

* Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I think that more time should be given for the discussion of non-official business. If that is admitted, any time that can be spared by you, Mr. President, might be utilized with advantage for non-official business. Therefore if in addition to to-morrow and Saturday the whole or part of any other day could be allotted for non-official business we would be much obliged "

Mr. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" On Saturday afternoon after finishing the Madras Civil Courts Bill it will not be possible for many of us to be present here as we shall have to be elsewhere."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I think it is understood that to-morrow and the day after will be non-official days so as to make room for the Select Committee on the Malabar Tenancy Bill to sit on Saturday afternoon after finishing the Madras Civil Courts Bill in the forenoon of that day. There being no business for the present, the House will now adjourn and re-assemble to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock."

The House accordingly adjourned.

R. V. KRISHNA AYYAR,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

APPENDIX I

[Vide answer to question No. 86 asked by Mr. C. Gopala Menon at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 4th February 1925, page 219 supra.]

Annexure.

Summary of recommendations referred to in the answer to clause (a) of question No. 86.

I would suggest a re-examination of the grouping on the following lines :—

(1) all further grouping should be stopped (orders suspending this temporarily have already issued) ;

(2) the Government should reconsider the grouping already effected, as it is clearly wrong to stop further grouping and retain the grouping already effected ;

(3) the pay of village headmen may be reduced in some villages and for the time being to Rs. 12, pending examination of final results ;

(4) where irrespective of economy a particular grouping is advisable and it is inadvisable to adopt the system of combined (triune) officers, it should be retained ;

(5) no grouped area should be so large as to overstep the limitations of village work ;